

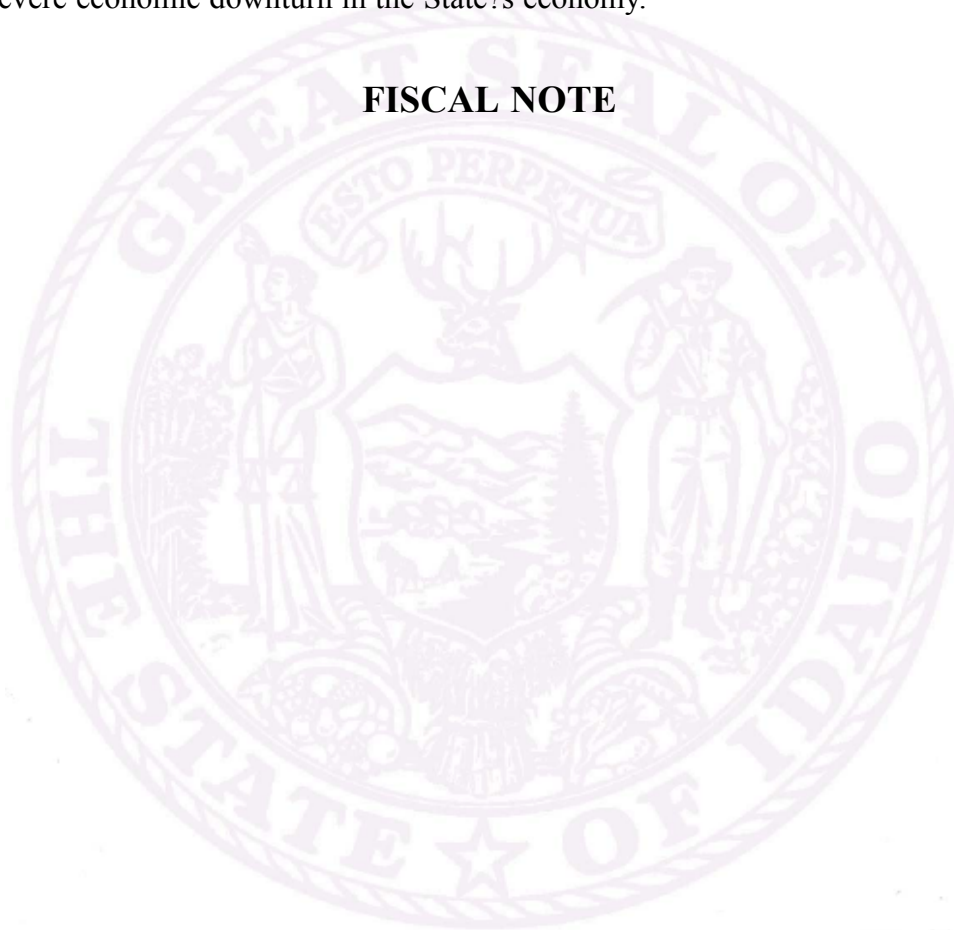
## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS18615**

The intent of this legislation is to put a temporary moratorium on the establishment of any new charter schools from the effective date of this legislation through June 30, 2012. It is the responsibility of the Idaho Legislature to preserve the efficacy of the traditional public schools in Idaho. The traditional public schools of this state serve as the cornerstone for an educated and productive citizenry. Although Charter Schools provide an alternative in education for selected Idaho students, they do remove critically needed funds from the traditional public schools during a time of severe economic downturn in the State's economy.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

None.



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